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**SILENT OPERATING MODE FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS  
OF A HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this Declaration.

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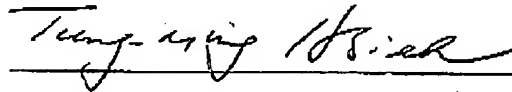
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